

## **POLY-GAMMA-GLUTAMIC CONJUGATES FOR ELICITING IMMUNE RESPONSES DIRECTED AGAINST BACILLI**

### **ABSTRACT**

Immunogenic compositions and methods for eliciting an immune response against *B. anthracis* and other bacilli are provided that include immunogenic conjugates of a poly- $\gamma$ -glutamic acid ( $\gamma$ PGA) polypeptide of *B. anthracis*, or of another *Bacillus* that expresses a  $\gamma$ PGA polypeptide. The  $\gamma$ PGA conjugates elicit an effective immune response against *B. anthracis*, or against another *Bacillus*, in mammalian hosts to which the conjugates are administered.